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13 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Congressional Letters

1. It was our former practice, when applicants who had been originally sponsored by members of the Congress entered on duty here, to have the Director send a letter to the Member informing him that his constituent had entered on duty.

2. Early in General Smith's regime, this practice on the part of the Director was discontinued on the basis that such a letter might give undue indication of political influence in securing the job, and the Director discontinued signing them. I continued, however, to send the letters over my signature as a routine closing out of the case from my office.

3. Would you please inform me as to whether you would like to sign such letters (two of which are attached for your approval) or whether you feel this should continue to be a routine matter for me to handle.

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19 February 1953

Memorandum for: Acting Director

Subject: Congressional Leaders Present at
White House Briefing, 19 February 1953.

1. The Vice President
2. Sen. Taft -- The Majority Leader
3. Sen. Bridges -- President Pro Tem. of the Senate
4. Sen. Knowland -- Chairman, Republican Policy Committee
5. Sen. Saltonstall -- Assistant Majority Leader and Chairman of Senate Armed Services Committee
6. Sen. Milliken -- Chairman, Republican Conference
7. Sen. Lyndon Johnson -- Minority Leader
8. Sen. Clements -- Minority Whip
9. Sen. Wiley -- Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
10. Sen. George -- Ranking Minority Member, Foreign Relations
11. Sen. Russell -- Ranking Minority Member, Armed Services
12. Sen. Hayden -- Ranking Minority Member, Appropriations
13. Sen. Ferguson -- Chairman, Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee
14. Speaker Martin --
15. Majority Leader Halleck
16. Majority Whip Arends
17. Minority Leader Rayburn
18. Minority Whip McCormack
19. Mr. Short -- Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
20. Mr. Vinson -- Ranking Minority Member, Armed Services
21. Mr. Vorys -- Ranking Majority Member, Foreign Affairs Committee, substituting for Chairman Chipfield
22. Mr. Richards -- Ranking Minority Member, Foreign Affairs
23. Mr. Taber -- Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
24. Mr. Cannon -- Ranking Minority Member, Appropriations
25. Mr. Wigglesworth -- Chairman, Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee
26. Mr. Mahon -- Ranking Minority Member, Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee

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